

Reject His 'CIA' Story In Skyjack

AUSTIN, Tex., July 10 (UPI).

A Federal jury today discount-
ed a Korean War hero's story
that he turned to crime and flew
to Cuba to prepare for a job as a
Central Intelligence Agent and
found him guilty of interstate
transportation of a stolen car.
The count on which he convicted
is the first of 152 Federal charges
against him.

Absent-without-leave Army Sgt.
Bobby Joe Keesee, 28, of Amarillo,
Tex., who had flown a stolen
plane to Castro Cuba on March
23 and then returned with a story
of cloak-and-dagger operations for
the Central Intelligence Agency,
will be sentenced Thursday.

Maximum penalty is five years
imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine.

KEESE, WINNER of the
Bronze Star and holder of the
Purple Heart, testified that he
flew two men to Cuba, but
thought he was doing it for the
CIA.

He also admitted writing "50 or
60" bad checks while driving a
rented car across the country
from Alaska to Florida. Keesee
said he was acting on instruc-
tions from a person he identified
as "Buddy Carson," an agent of
the CIA, who paid him
\$1,200 a month for making the
flight. The crime spree was sup-
posed to establish Keesee's claim
for asylum in case he was caught
in Cuba.

U. S. District Judge Ernest
Morgan argued that even the CIA
cannot tell a person to engage
in crime.

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